

U.S. States Ranked by Over-the-Year Percent Change in Nonfarm Employment (employment in thousands, not seasonally adjusted)							
RANK	STATE	Percentage of 50 States Total ^(a)					
		Nonfarm Employment					
		May 2015(p)	May 2014	Over-the-Year Change Amount	Percentage ^(b)	May 2015(p)	May 2014
1	Utah	1,375.3	1,325.3	50.0	3.8%	1.0%	1.0%
2	Washington	3,179.4	3,067.4	112.0	3.7%	2.2%	2.2%
3	Florida	8,095.6	7,828.3	267.3	3.4%	5.7%	5.6%
4	Nevada	1,259.5	1,219.7	39.8	3.3%	0.9%	0.9%
5	Idaho	679.1	658.6	20.5	3.1%	0.5%	0.5%
6	Oregon	1,777.0	1,723.4	53.6	3.1%	1.3%	1.2%
7	California	16,105.0	15,635.9	469.1	3.0%	11.4%	11.2%
8	Georgia	4,274.3	4,163.5	110.8	2.7%	3.0%	3.0%
9	North Carolina	4,274.1	4,169.6	104.5	2.5%	3.0%	3.0%
10	Texas	11,831.8	11,544.8	287.0	2.5%	8.3%	8.3%
11	Michigan	4,311.5	4,210.0	101.5	2.4%	3.0%	3.0%
12	Colorado	2,511.9	2,453.3	58.6	2.4%	1.8%	1.8%
13	Arizona	2,623.7	2,562.6	61.1	2.4%	1.9%	1.8%
14	South Carolina	2,011.4	1,965.8	45.6	2.3%	1.4%	1.4%
15	Kentucky	1,902.7	1,865.5	37.2	2.0%	1.3%	1.3%
16	Massachusetts	3,499.3	3,430.9	68.4	2.0%	2.5%	2.5%
17	Tennessee	2,876.1	2,822.4	53.7	1.9%	2.0%	2.0%
18	Indiana	3,064.5	3,007.6	56.9	1.9%	2.2%	2.2%
19	Arkansas	1,218.3	1,196.8	21.5	1.8%	0.9%	0.9%
20	Maryland	2,684.4	2,640.5	43.9	1.7%	1.9%	1.9%
21	Alabama	1,958.1	1,927.6	30.5	1.6%	1.4%	1.4%
22	South Dakota	435.5	428.8	6.7	1.6%	0.3%	0.3%
23	New York	9,276.3	9,133.8	142.5	1.6%	6.5%	6.6%
24	New Hampshire	659.5	649.4	10.1	1.6%	0.5%	0.5%
25	Delaware	447.5	440.8	6.7	1.5%	0.3%	0.3%
26	Iowa	1,588.4	1,564.9	23.5	1.5%	1.1%	1.1%
27	Connecticut	1,702.0	1,677.8	24.2	1.4%	1.2%	1.2%
28	Minnesota	2,871.1	2,832.7	38.4	1.4%	2.0%	2.0%
29	Wisconsin	2,891.1	2,855.0	36.1	1.3%	2.0%	2.1%
30	Vermont	311.3	307.5	3.8	1.2%	0.2%	0.2%
31	Ohio	5,454.5	5,390.7	63.8	1.2%	3.8%	3.9%
32	Rhode Island	489.4	483.8	5.6	1.2%	0.3%	0.3%
33	Hawaii	634.5	627.7	6.8	1.1%	0.4%	0.5%
34	Virginia	3,829.4	3,789.4	40.0	1.1%	2.7%	2.7%
35	New Jersey	4,033.9	3,992.5	41.4	1.0%	2.8%	2.9%
36	New Mexico	832.8	824.6	8.2	1.0%	0.6%	0.6%
37	Mississippi	1,134.1	1,123.1	11.0	1.0%	0.8%	0.8%
38	Pennsylvania	5,897.8	5,840.7	57.1	1.0%	4.2%	4.2%
39	Montana	461.8	457.8	4.0	0.9%	0.3%	0.3%
40	Oklahoma	1,672.4	1,658.9	13.5	0.8%	1.2%	1.2%
41	Illinois	5,953.1	5,908.8	44.3	0.7%	4.2%	4.2%
42	Missouri	2,785.6	2,769.3	16.3	0.6%	2.0%	2.0%
43	Maine	611.0	607.8	3.2	0.5%	0.4%	0.4%
44	North Dakota	466.3	464.4	1.9	0.4%	0.3%	0.3%
45	Louisiana	1,994.3	1,986.2	8.1	0.4%	1.4%	1.4%
46	Kansas	1,410.1	1,405.7	4.4	0.3%	1.0%	1.0%
47	Nebraska	1,007.3	1,004.9	2.4	0.2%	0.7%	0.7%
48	Wyoming	294.6	294.3	0.3	0.1%	0.2%	0.2%
49	Alaska	342.7	343.2	-0.5	-0.1%	0.2%	0.2%
50	West Virginia	765.4	782.9	-17.5	-2.2%	0.5%	0.6%
50 States Total		141,766.7	139,066.9	2,699.8	1.9%	100.0%	100.0%

NOTES:

(p) Preliminary, subject to revisions

(a) U.S. Total does not include District of Columbia or U.S. territories

(b) Percentage calculations are rounded

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